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PRESS RELEASE

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: October 3rd, 2001 8pm
DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: October 3rd, 2001 3pm
NATURE OF CALL: Search and Rescue
LOCATION OF CALL: Tevis Cup Trail area between Northstar and Squaw Valley
CASE NUMBER: SO-01-17115
RELEASED BY: Sergeant Bill Langton

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On Wednesday afternoon, October 3rd, 2001 at approximately 3:07pm, the Placer County Sheriff's Department's Tahoe Dispatch center received a cellular telephone call from a lost hiker. The hiker and his 77 year old friend were hiking along the Tevis Cup trail between Truckee and Squaw Valley when they had become disoriented.

The Placer County Sheriff's Department launched one of it's helicopters, "Falcon 30" from Auburn shortly thereafter. Falcon 30 responded to the Truckee airport and picked up Deputy Lin O'Kelley of the Tahoe Station. O'Kelley is a member of the department's Mounted Unit and is very familiar with the Tevis Cup trail area. They spotted the lost hikers within minutes, west of Northstar.

Falcon 30 landed and subsequently transported both hikers to the Truckee airport where they were met by friends.

As with several area Search & Rescue missions in the last year or so, the missing person(s) took a cellular telephone with them. They stayed put and called for help once they realized they were lost. This was instrumental in their being located quickly.

Anyone traveling in the back country is encouraged to plan ahead. Wear proper clothing, take food & water, make sure that someone is aware of your route and if possible, take a means of communication with you such as a cellular telephone.

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